प्रस्ताव है और 94-95 में इसका 2000 लाइनों द्वारा पुनः विस्तार करने की योजना है।

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

विवरण-I

महाराष्ट्र में 1992 के दौरान जिन स्थानों पर एस०टी०डी० सुविधा प्रदान करने की योजना है उनके नाम

कोपरगांव, सावदा, येवला, तालेगांव, दामधरे, करजात, चंद्रापुर-एम०आई०डी०सी० साकरी, नवलनगर, जम्मेर, कागल, मौडा, कतोल, रामटैक, रामनेर, उमरेद, नरखेड सैलू, बोरी, लोनंद, फलतान, बेंगरूला अक्कलकोट, शाहपुर, करंजाल, धमनगांव रेलवे, पैठान वीजापुर, कन्नड, परलीबैजनाथ, चिखाली, अमलनेर, अम्बाड, वडगांव, बूटी, बोरी, घोटी, इगतपुरी, तुलतापुर, बाम्ट, हिंगोली, रोहा, चिपलून, लोटे, सांवतवाडी, कंकावली, मोहोल, नलसोपाडा, पालघर, वालिव, हिंगनघाट, पंढरकावडा, राहुरी, बिचोलिम, अकलूज, पंढरपुर, मुर्तिजापुर, मुरबाद, दाहनू, मरूद।

विवरण-II

(i) 1992 के अंत तक खोले जाने के लिए प्रस्तावित नए एक्सचेंज

खामधरे, पंगरवाल, कोभ्भाली, येसगांव, कौदगांव, दरेगांव, जवाले।

बरादरी तथा हसनपुर एक्सचेंजों को क्रमशः 22.1.92 तथा 25.1.92 को चालू किया जा चुका है।

(ii) अहमदनगर जिले के उन स्थानों के नाम जहां वर्ष 1992 के अंत तक नए डाक घर खोले जाएंगे।

अहमदनगर जिले में 1991-92 के दौरान निम्नलिखित स्थानों पर 4 शाखा डाक घर पहले ही खोले जा चुके हैं:—

1. खभ्भालने 2. नीलवंड 3. वाद्यापुर 4. वारशिंदे

वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान खोले जाने वाले डाकघरों के लक्ष्य को अभी अंतिम रूप दिया जाना है। तथापि, निम्बनंदूर तथा गोलेगांव नामक दो ऐसे स्थानों का पता लगाया गया है जहां औचित्य सिद्ध होने पर 1992 के अंत तक डाक घर खोलने का प्रस्ताव है।

Electronic Mail and M.O. System

4532. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce Electronic Mail and Electronic Postal Services; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal to introduce electronic mail on franchise basis is under the active consideration of the Government.

As regards Postal Services, use of micro processor based counter machines and transfer of money orders through satellite communication are some of the examples of the use of electronic equipment in conducting Postal Services.

Promotions from TES Group B to ITS Group A

4533. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether D.P.C. for promotion from TES Group 'B' to ITS Group 'A' has not been held for the last several years in Department of Telecom;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether all the promotions from TES Group 'B' to ITS Group 'A' were made on adhoc basic;

(c) whether due representation of SC/ ST has been fulfilled in such ad hoc promotions every year; and

(d) If so, what is the total number of promotions on ad hoc basis and number of SC/STs therein each year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) The last DPC meeting was held in December, 1988. Subsequently no DPC has been held since the number of eligible promotee officers empanelled for promotion was very much in excess of the available vacancies. The Officers in the waiting list are being adjusted against

regular vacancies arising in the promotees quota from 1989 onwards, on a regular basis and the exercise is likely to be completed by 1992-93.

(c) Since all promotions were made on regular basis, due representation to SC/ ST was given as per rules.

(d) In view of (b) & (c) above not applicable.

Manufacturing of Digital Switching System

4534. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Ministr of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre for development of Telematics has indigenously manufactured a 10,000 line Digital Switching System; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Centre for Development of Telematics has indigenously developed a 10,000 lines Digital Switching System. The technology has been transferred t0 Indian Telephone Industries (ITI) and the product is in bulk production at Electronic city at Hosur Road, Bangalore. The first 10,000 lines Exchange manufactured by ITI was commissioned into service at Ulsoor in Bangalore on 30 December, 1991, after all the functional, production quality and service quality tests by Telecom Engineering Centre, quality assurance circle and Technical and Development Circle wings of D.O.T. ,Currently technology is being transferred to eight more manufacturers in public, private and joint sectors.

Take over of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company

*4535. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India has recently floated a tender for taking over the Scindia Steam Navigation Company; and

(b) if so, the details of the bid and the conditions stipulated for the take over?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Shipping Credit & Investment Company of India Limited (SCICI) on behalf of the Government of India, have issued a public notice inviting bids for participating in the management of Scindia Steam Navigation Company Limited.

(b) The conditions stipulated for the management take over are, *inter-alia*, as under:

(i) to run the operations of the company efficiently and profitably;

(ii) to discharge the liabilities including for the current operations; and

(iii) to assume responsibility for the securing and orderly repayment of the company's debt to the Government of India.

Bids have been received from six bidders viz. (1) Amer Ship Management, (2) Ceat Limited, (3) Essar Shipping, (4) Great Eastern Shipping, (5) Plate Heat Transfer Pte. Limited, and (6) Smt. Sumati Morarjee.

*Previously Unstarred Question 3240, transferred from 18th March, 1992.